

Dear Commissioners and Chairman Powell,

No matter how I look at the move to deregulate media ownership so even bigger monopolies can be created, it looks like bad news for American democracy.

While it may be inconvenient and irritating to hear perspectives with which one disagrees, it is essential to be exposed to a diversity of ideas if we are to be an educated, informed and self-actualizing populace.

Comfort with diversity fosters tolerance and innovation. Being exposed to only one main point of view fosters small mindedness and intolerance for other ideas as well as those who hold them.

I urge you to stop deregulation proceedings regarding our media and promote more diversity. At the very least hold open hearings before deciding on this issue. Once deregulation occurs, there will be no turning back.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

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